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New Bikes Help the National Park "Go Green" for the Environment

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa—This month, the National Park of American Samoa stepped up its commitment to "Go Green" with an initial purchase of two new bikes for employee use. These bikes will provide transportation for official business throughout Pago Pago, Fagatogo, and Utulei areas.

"This is a great opportunity, not only to use less fossil fuel, but also to improve the health of our employees," said Acting Superintendent Steve Gibbons.

The National Park Service has developed a *Green Parks Plan* that defines a collective vision and a long-term strategic plan for sustainable management of national park operations. A critical component of the implementation of this plan is to inform and engage park staff, visitors, and community partners about climate change and sustainability to broaden opportunities to foster change.

National park staff are all empowered to be agents in charge of this effort, with each office and individual making a valuable contribution.

The National Park Service's *Green Parks Plan* is available at www.nps.gov/greenparksplan/.

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About the National Park of American Samoa. The national park was established in 1988 to preserve the coral reefs, tropical rainforest, archeological and cultural resources, the habitat of fruit bats, and to

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provide educational opportunities for visitors and residents. National park lands and waters are leased from villages and the American Samoa Government through a long-term agreement with the National Park Service.

For more information about visiting the National Park of American Samoa, call 633-7082, email NPSA_ Info@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/npsa. Also, visit the national park's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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